



Our Lady's Academy

Summer Reading

Sixth Grade

Due Date for Summer Reading – September 9, 2019

Required Book and Graphic Organizer:

Number One Assignment:

All students will enjoy the following book and complete the attached graphic organizer:

Holes by Louis Sachar

Number two Assignment:

All students will choose one book from the attached list and complete **two** of the independent reading journal prompts listed below.

Independent Reading Journal Prompts

All responses must be written or typed in a complete paragraph.

(Minimum of five sentences for each response)

1. **Describe** a minor character in your book. Identify the character by name and describe him/her. What is the **character's part in the story?** How **does this character feel about the main character** and vice-versa? Use examples from the story.

Start out: A minor character in my book is...

2. **Explain** how a character in your book reminds you of yourself or someone you know. For example, do you or a friend or relative, like some of the same things, have some of the same interests, or have similar problems as a character **in your book?**

Start out: The character, reminds me of __. This is because...

3. Would you like to live like the characters in your book? Explain how they live (the situation) and why or why not you would like to live like that.

Start out: I would/would not like to live like my characters because....

4. If you were than main character in your book, how would you handle the situation he or she faces in the story? Be sure to briefly describe the situation before telling how you would handle

Start out: If I were the main character in my book, I would...

5. **Predict** what will happen next in your book. To do this you must briefly explain the situation, make your prediction, and tell why you predict this.

Start out: The situation of my book is...

6. Which character in your book do you like the least? Name the character, tell what part they play in the story, and describe why you don't like the character.

Start out: I least like the character...

Main Character

What makes the characters in a story seem real? It's all in the details. Authors can describe the characters' attitudes, or how they think, act, and feel. They can also describe the characters' motivations, or the reasons for their actions.

Often, a character's attitude and motivation change during a story. As the story unfolds, readers learn more about a character based on how that person responds to events.

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer as you read to show how your character changes throughout the book.

Name of Main Character:

Beginning of Book

What the Main Character Does	Why He/She Does It	What This Shows About Him/Her
Example: Benny takes an ice cream cone from Lisa.	Example: He might think it is funny.	Example: He is not always kind; he likes to play jokes.

Middle of Book

What the Main Character Does	Why He/She Does It	What This Shows About Him/Her

End of Book

What the Main Character Does	Why He/She Does It	What This Shows About Him/Her

Title	Author	ATOS BL	Points	About this Novel	y in SJSJ Library
A Long Way Gone	Ishmael Beah	6.1	13.0	A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier	*
The Apothecary	Malle Meloy	4.9	11.0	The Apothecary	*
The Boy on the Wooden Box	Leon Leyman	7	7.0	The Boy on the Wooden Box	*
Brothers, Boyfriends & Other Criminal Minds	April Lurie	4.6	10.0	Brothers, Boyfriends & Other Criminal Minds	*
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	Jordan Sonnenblick	5.9	8.0	Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	*
Fish	Gregory Mone	5.6	9.0	Fish	*
Freak the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick	5.5	5.0	Freak the Mighty	*
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	6.6	16.0	The Hobbit	*
Monster	Walter Dean Meyers	5.1	5.0	Monster	*
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	6.1	19.0	The Mysterious Benedict Society	*
Okay for Now	Gary D. Schmidt	4.9	11.0	Okay for Now	*
Paperboy	Vince Vawter	5.1	8.0	Paperboy	*
The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chobsky	4.8	9.0	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	*
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd	5.7	15.0	The Secret Life of Bees	*
Second Chance Summer	Morgan Matson	6	18.0	Second Chance Summer	*
This Side of Paradise	Steven Layne	5.2	8.0	This Side of Paradise	*
Uglies	Scott Westerfeld	6.1	12.0	Uglies	*
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	4.9	9.0	Walk Two Moons	*
Wolf Hollow	Lauren Wolk	4.9	9.0	Wolf Hollow	*

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